

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification as indicated with markings showing changes to be made:

[0013] This object is achieved in the garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to the invention in that it ~~has~~, a section, to be positioned on the back and on the shoulders, ~~a yoke~~ made of a material that is resistant to abrasion.

[0019] FIGS. 1 and 2 show an ~~example of~~ embodiment of a garment 1 according to the invention for protecting the upper portion of ~~a body according to the invention, one's body,~~ adapted more particularly to sporting activities (walking, hiking, climbing, etc.) while wearing a backpack.

[0023] As shown in the drawing figures, the protective garment 1 first has a ~~yoke~~ section 21, 11 covering both the majority of the back 20 and extending up to the front portion of the garment over the shoulder zone 11.

[0024] The ~~yoke~~ section 21, 11 is made of a single piece of material or at least without stitches in the shoulder zone that is adapted to cooperate with the straps of the backpack.

[0025] This ~~yoke~~ section 21, 11 is made of a material that is resistant to the abrasion caused by the continuous rubbing of the backpack, i.e., of the straps and rear thereof, against the garment during use.

[0026] According to a preferred embodiment, the ~~yoke~~ section 21, 11 is made of a woven material that is more resistant to abrasion and is additionally treated so as to transfer moisture from the inner surface of the ~~yoke~~ section to the outer surface thereof. Such a treatment is generally ~~called hydrophile~~ referred to as a hydrophilic treatment.

[0027] The fabric of the ~~yoke~~ section 21, 11 is preferably extensible along at least one direction, and preferably along a transverse direction T (see FIG. 2).

[0032] A ~~yoke~~ section 41 is arranged in the axillary zone 40, i.e., the junction zone between the upper end of the sleeve 30 and the associated lateral wall of the chest.

[0033] The ~~yoke~~ section 41 is made of a highly aerated material, such as a mesh, i.e., a jersey having a wide mesh defining a highly aerated structure.

[0036] The material of section 41 will preferably undergo an antibacterial treatment and/or will be provided with antibacterial elements, such as silver threads.

[0039] Finally, the remainder of the garment, namely the front panel 10, the top of the sleeves 30, and possibly the lateral portions 15 of the garment, will be made of a material preferably having perspiration draining and evacuation capabilities. Preferably, although in a non-limiting manner, this will be the same material of section 31.